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With my regards to your wife & children & to your
sons & young & aged we remain ever & S. D. 16

Providence, April 2, 1866.

My Darling: Fanny Garrison Villard

It will be easier for me to write with
a pencil than with a pen, and so you will excuse
me for substituting the one for the other.

You have already been apprised by your
mother that I had a severe headlong fall at Grant-
ville, a fortnight ago, precisely in the same way
that I fell in Charles Street in February, giving
a fresh strain to all the muscles connected with
the right shoulder and arm, and narrowly escap-
ing breaking the collar bone. I have been suffer-
ing from the effects of it ever since; and getting
no relief whatever from the use of Amico, Sweet's
Liniment, Davis's Pain-Killer, &c., &c., I came
here on Saturday evening to remain a few days,
to see what electricity will do for me. Dr. Dow
treated the arm yesterday and this morning, but I
am writing this in great pain, and am inclined to
think my arm will trouble me for a good while
to come. The sprain is worse than a broken bone.

Henry and Charlotte will leave for Washington, via New York; in the course of an hour. I can hardly restrain myself, dearest, from going with them, so anxious am I to see and embrace you; for my one daughter is to me dearer than it was ever given language to express. Harry will forgive me if, occasionally, I involuntarily sigh to think that you have been taken away from our household, of which you were its light and joy; yet to wish it otherwise were selfish indeed. You must both, in due time, if possible, be with us, or near us, as permanently as the uncertainties of life will permit. I am sure you will try to do so; and my heart grows lighter at the thought.

I am truly glad that Henry and Charlotte are to make you a visit; and I know you will take special pains to make the visit a pleasant ~~one~~ one, in view of your relationship, and especially of your large indebtedness to them. May the weather prove propitious! And if you and Harry can show them the surroundings of Washington, it will, no doubt, greatly please them.

They have given me carte blanche in regard to their house and hospitality while absent. This is very kind indeed, and very fortunate for me while I am under Dr. Don't's treatment. How long I shall remain will depend upon the success of that treatment; but I hope to get home at the end of a week. Possibly I may have to remain until you all return.

You had better send your trunk by express, perhaps, unless you can get it checked through to Boston. In that case it will give you ^{no} trouble or anxiety, ~~but~~

Henry suggests stopping over night at Philadelphia on the way back. If you should conclude to do so, it would give Alfred H. Love and his wife great delight to have you stop with them, and you ^{never been sc.} must be sure to do so. They live in Sixth Street, ^{left} on the ~~right~~ hand side, next door to a church. Henry knows the house, and can easily find the way to it.

Possibly you may conclude to stop one night at New York; but, of course, you will be governed by H. and C's wishes.

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Charlotte very kindly proposes that, instead of going directly to Roxbury, you stop over night here with her; but I presume you will hardly deem it worth while, being only an hour and a half from Rockledge in the matter of time; and so we shall confidently look for you at the Roxbury station about 9 o'clock of the evening of the day you leave New York. Let us know the precise day if you can.

You must take with you, in a small bag or bundle, what you will need by the way.

I left your mother looking very well, and eagerly anticipating your return. So do all the household. She must come to Providence after you return to Washington, and enter upon a persevering course of electric treatment. Dr. Dow is confident she can ultimately get the use of her limbs by so doing.

I have agreed with Licknor & Fields to write the history of the Anti-Slavery struggle, in two large volumes, on favorable terms.

I deeply sympathize with dear Slavery as to his neuralgic or cerebral pains. Tell him electricity will cure him. I send a father's love to you both. Regards to Mr. and Mrs. Lander. Ever thine, W. S. G.